

7. (Twice Amended) A lithium secondary battery, comprising:

an internal electrode body including a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a separator, the positive electrode and the negative electrode being wound or laminated with the separator so that the positive electrode and the negative electrode are prevented by the separator from coming into direct contact with each other;

an organic electrolyte; and

b2 at least a plurality of tabs connected to each of the positive and negative electrodes for current collecting,

wherein the tabs function as current fuses to become nonconductive in the event that a condition arises during discharge of the battery in which sufficient current to damage one or more components of the battery is provided.

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